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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment And  
Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics**

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**Table 1 – Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 57,104 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 24,131 are female and 32,973 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2020 peak in week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Carlow	495	520	5,084	7,135
Cavan	731	761	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,322	1,384	11,784	14,984
Cork	4,939	5,194	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,469	1,571	16,578	22,725
Dublin	22,048	23,525	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,836	2,987	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,757	1,845	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,668	2,805	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	855	895	9,060	11,573
Laois	801	851	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	299	314	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,807	1,916	17,106	22,072
Longford	380	398	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,783	1,864	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,195	1,268	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,862	3,013	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	726	753	6,825	8,340
Offaly	658	697	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	522	560	5,750	7,647
Sligo	573	601	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,267	1,326	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,004	1,062	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	876	920	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,380	1,455	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,734	1,806	14,744	18,635
County not included	117	122	2,096	2,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,104</b>	<b>60,413</b>	<b>*486,354</b>	<b>*605,668</b>

\* These figures have been revised to take account of arrears that were paid in respect of the weeks 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**Table 2 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Sector breakdowns**

The sector with the highest number of people in receipt of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment is Wholesale and Retail Trade (9,588) followed by Accommodation and Food Service Activities (8,680) and Administrative and support service activities (6,664).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	889	920	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	4,174	4,348	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	313	319	1,639	2,162
Construction	5,748	6,063	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,588	10,003	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,908	3,018	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	8,680	9,455	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,863	1,947	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,776	1,851	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	894	940	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,113	3,253	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	6,664	7,163	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	989	1,036	8,061	10,418
Education	1,928	2,032	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,180	2,299	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,391	1,499	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,901	3,066	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,105	1,201	11,141	15,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,104</b>	<b>60,413</b>	<b>486,354</b>	<b>605,668</b>

**Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.**

**Table 3 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector**

	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Industrial Sector</b>		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	592	297
Manufacturing	3,167	1,007
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	253	60
Construction	4,537	1,211
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	6,175	3,413
Transportation and storage	2,133	775
Accommodation and food service activities	5,410	3,270
Information and communication activities	1,413	450
Financial and insurance activities	1,285	491
Real Estate activities	601	293
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,343	770
Administrative and support service activities	4,824	1,840
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	632	357
Education	1,204	724
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,353	827
Arts, entertainment and recreation	926	465
Other Sectors	1,601	1,300
Unclassified or unknown	481	624
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,930</b>	<b>18,174</b>

**Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.**

**Table 4 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>
< 25	4,427	4,900
25-34	12,275	13,281
35-44	15,352	16,122
45-54	13,112	13,698
55+	11,938	12,412
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,104</b>	<b>60,413</b>

**Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>
Male	24,128	8,845
Female	14,802	9,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,930</b>	<b>18,174</b>

**Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>
< 25	2,478	1,949
25-34	8,622	3,653
35-44	10,957	4,395
45-54	8,980	4,132
55+	7,893	4,045
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,930</b>	<b>18,174</b>

**Table 7 – Changes in Number of People Receiving the Pandemic Unemployment Payment by Sector**

<b>Sector Breakdown Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-31	-221
Manufacturing	-174	-814
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-6	-63
Construction	-315	-1,340
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-415	-2,755
Transportation and storage	-110	-707
Accommodation and food service activities	-775	-3,435
Information and communication activities	-84	-440
Financial and insurance activities	-75	-460
Real Estate activities	-46	-256
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-140	-736
Administrative and support service activities	-499	-2,042
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-47	-369
Education	-104	-679
Human Health And Social Work activities	-119	-744
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-108	-560
Other Sectors	-165	-1,210
Unclassified or unknown	-96	-562
<b>Total</b>	<b>-3,309</b>	<b>-17,393</b>

## Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 203,001 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 108,368 are female and 94,633 are male.

Some 4,094 people are currently in receipt of an Enhanced Illness Benefit payment.

### County Breakdown (based on the county recorded on the Illness Benefit certificate)

County	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Carlow	2,923	2,837	2,686
Cavan	4,883	4,801	4,701
Clare	4,172	4,058	3,888
Cork	20,370	19,856	19,096
Donegal	7,286	7,161	6,939
Dublin	55,447	54,356	52,953
Galway	12,116	11,846	11,463
Kerry	4,970	4,780	4,470
Kildare	8,525	8,370	8,148
Kilkenny	4,256	4,165	4,032
Laois	3,832	3,740	3,607
Leitrim	1,060	1,025	968
Limerick	7,999	7,853	7,614
Longford	1,778	1,721	1,634
Louth	6,440	6,282	6,005
Mayo	5,576	5,429	5,254
Meath	8,885	8,667	8,353
Monaghan	4,337	4,277	4,187
Offaly	3,321	3,251	3,147
Roscommon	2,682	2,619	2,524
Sligo	2,248	2,175	2,081
Tipperary	6,656	6,505	6,248
Waterford	6,432	6,272	6,019
Westmeath	3,505	3,379	3,264
Wexford	6,796	6,681	6,470
Wicklow	5,007	4,884	4,686
County not known	1,499	1,490	1,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>203,001</b>	<b>198,480</b>	<b>191,894</b>

**Table 9 – Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown**

The two sectors with the highest number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 Illness Benefit payment to date are Wholesale and Retail Trade (42,428) and Human Health and Social Work (32,083), followed by Manufacturing (27,183).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,623	2,574	2,500
Manufacturing	27,183	26,594	25,622
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,222	1,189	1,138
Construction	11,946	11,634	11,126
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	42,428	41,547	40,473
Transportation and storage	8,039	7,853	7,563
Accommodation and food service activities	15,546	15,108	14,439
Information and communication activities	3,654	3,568	3,482
Financial and insurance activities	7,232	7,081	6,849
Real Estate activities	1,605	1,567	1,526
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,352	7,203	6,970
Administrative and support service activities	17,310	16,955	16,383
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	8,504	8,214	7,827
Education	6,136	5,994	5,766
Human Health and Social Work activities	32,083	31,551	30,829
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,248	2,172	2,074
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,843	6,648	6,326
Unclassified or unknown	1,047	1,028	1,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>203,001</b>	<b>198,480</b>	<b>191,894</b>

**Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.**



**Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>
< 25	37,114	36,305	35,269
25-34	51,287	50,190	48,569
35-44	52,055	50,767	48,852
45-54	37,966	37,128	35,866
55+	24,579	24,090	23,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>203,001</b>	<b>198,480</b>	<b>191,894</b>